

CH74

CONTEXT F 1712....

CUTTING H3/J3..... CO-ORDINATES: East..... North.....

DATE EXPOSED 20.7.74..... DATE COMPLETED 6.8.74.....

DESCRIPTION Ditch

2 patches of burning on ditch surface F1704 confined to layer ① of H3. 2nd patch slightly further South in H3 layer ② continued across into J3.

MAX. WIDTH AND DIRECTION

MAX. LENGTH AND DIRECTION

MAX. DEPTH/HEIGHT THICKNESS

OVERLIES

OVERLAIN BY

CUTS

CUT BY

ABUTS OR CONTIGUOUS WITH F1704.....

PLANS No..... SECTIONS No. see following page..

PHOTO: B/W COL. NEG. NOS.

SAMPLE Type:..... Nos.

EXCAVATOR

RECORDER

ASSOCIATED FEATURES

ASSOCIATED FINDS layer ① pebbles and bone
layer ③ (on East side right against edge) 1amel
leaf arrow head.

DESCRIPTION CONTINUED.

~~COMMENT~~

H3 20.7.74.

Began to remove ditch fill between sections A-B and C-D in arbitrary spits of c 15cm each. Small stones and dark earth on surface fairly accurately reflected extent of ditch. This deposit only c. 5cm deep. Below that undifferentiated fill to ~~PHASE~~ bedrock consisting of extremely loose dark brown earth and stones of various sizes, averaging c. 15cm², but including larger ones up to 30x40cm. The larger stones were not concentrated nearer the bottom.

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COMMENT

The excavators comment was that he thought the ditch had been deliberately back-filled in one operation.

DESCRIPTION CONTIN

Bedrock only 30cm deep at section A-B, sloping down towards, South, with a step down about 50cm South of section. Layer of compacted yellow silt with chipples immediately on bedrock. No finds so far.

26-7-74 Section A-B drawn

27-7-74 Section C-D drawn.

Section C-D

Not quite along edge of cutting, especially at North end, as its Northern half consists of very large slabs sloping down into ditch, whose removal would cause collapse of this part of section. The ditch looks as if it turns a corner to the West at this point, and the difference in the fill (ie. large stones to the North and small to the South) gives the strong impression that it was filled from the West side.

Layers in ditch

- ① Upper 2-10cm of fine very dark earth with roots and small stones.
- ② Deep layer of stones and dark earth. This cannot be subdivided on the basis of any change in soil colour, as the dark earth continues down to layer ③ (very narrow) at the base. The only basis for subdivision would be stone size, those in the Northern part of the section being very much larger, and fairly consistently sloping down towards the centre of the ditch.
- ③ Compacted yellowish silt with chipples, very hard, in the faults and crevices of the bedrock, and between it and the lowest stones of the fill.

5th and 6th August J3

Fill removed from the part of ditch F1712 that cuts across South East corner of J3.

Fill very similar to that described at section C-D in H3.

The largest rocks, some very large, were on the West side, their slope and position maintaining the impression that they had been pushed or slid in from the West. Large tilted stones West side reducing in number towards South, ie towards J4 - layer ③ thicker in J3 part of ditch than in H3., larger stones near bottom being very hard to remove. Ditch both wider and deeper in J3.